



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON, DC 20350-2000

IN REPLY REFER TO
OPNAVINST 1531.6C
OP-114C1
28 MAY 1991

OPNAV INSTRUCTION 1531.6C

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: NOMINATION AND ADMISSION OF CITIZENS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES
TO THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Ref: (a) Title 10, U.S. Code Section 6957

1. Purpose. To issue revised guidance to U.S. naval attache posts regarding the nomination of citizens of foreign countries for admission to the U.S. Naval Academy. This instruction has extensive revisions and should be read in its entirety.
2. Cancellation. OPNAV Instruction 1531.6B.
3. Background. The U.S. Navy encourages, within the prescribed quotas, attendance at the U.S. Naval Academy of nationals of foreign countries who have been nominated by their governments and who qualify for admission. As set forth in reference (a), the Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) may permit a maximum of 40 persons at any one time from foreign countries to receive instruction at the Naval Academy. Such persons will be in addition to the otherwise authorized strength of the Academy. SECNAV may establish entrance qualifications and methods of competition for selection among individual applicants and select those persons who will be permitted to receive instruction at the Academy.
4. Information. International students receiving instruction at the Naval Academy receive the same pay, allowances, and emoluments as other midshipmen; are paid from the same appropriations; and, except for such modifications as may be determined by SECNAV, are subject to the same rules and regulations governing admission, attendance, discipline, resignation, discharge, dismissal, and graduation as midshipmen appointed from the United States. International students are not entitled to appointment to any office or position in the U.S. Navy by reason of their graduation from the Naval Academy. SECNAV prescribes regulations with respect to access to classified information by foreign nationals receiving instruction



0 5 7 9 L D 0 5 5 5 6 0 0

28 MAY 1991

at the U.S. Naval Academy. An entrance deposit is required of all international students and their government will be required to reimburse the United States for the cost of instruction, unless charges are waived by the Secretary of Defense.

5. Requirements

a. Eligibility. Each international candidate must be an unmarried, bona fide citizen of the nominating country, and not less than 17 but not yet 22 years of age on 1 July of the calendar year of entrance to the U.S. Naval Academy. Candidates must not be pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support a child, children, or other individual.

b. Medical Requirements. Each candidate must possess medical qualifications as specified in the current U.S. Naval Academy Catalog. After an appointment is accepted, each international appointee must be certified as free from communicable disease by a medical facility acceptable to the nominating country's Surgeon General and should be given a preliminary medical examination prior to departing their country. If there is any question regarding medical qualification, a message inquiry should be made immediately to the Naval Academy (17G). Upon arrival at the Naval Academy, international appointees must undergo a qualifying medical examination. International appointees who do not qualify medically will not be inducted in the Naval Academy.

c. Physical Aptitude Examination. International candidates must complete the standard Naval Academy Physical Aptitude Examination. The forms with instructions for administering the examination are included in the candidate packet which the Naval Academy sends as soon as nominations are received.

d. Academic Requirements. Completed candidate packets must be received by the Naval Academy by 1 April for presentation to the International Candidate Admissions Board. International candidates must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and either the College Entrance Examination Board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Testing Program Test (ACT) and forward the test results to the Naval Academy. To ensure test results are received by the Naval Academy prior to the Admissions Board, international candidates must take the tests not later than January of the year of desired admission. International candidates must be proficient in reading, writing, and speaking idiomatic English. The naval attache is requested to comment on each candidate's English language proficiency.

28 MAY 1991

6. Action. Procedures to be followed in the processing of nominations of candidates from foreign countries are described in chronological order.

a. Each summer the Secretary of Defense announces which countries will be invited to submit nominations. The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) provides information concerning nomination procedures to the various U.S. embassies.

b. The naval attache or designated authority for each nation, acting in the name of the Secretary of State, receives nominations to existing vacancies. Nominations are made on a government-to-government basis. The U.S. ambassador will clear the nominees for security, approve the nomination, and communicate approval in writing to the accredited naval attache or designated authority. The maximum number of nominees for each vacancy is six.

c. The naval attache or designated authority will transmit nominations by message, directly to the Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy, with an information copy to CNO (OP-11). The message should contain the full name and date of birth of each nominee together with the statement that the nominations have been approved by the ambassador and a verification of the candidate's proficiency in the use of idiomatic English. To permit sufficient time for the nominees to register for the entrance examinations, all nominations should be submitted by 1 December.

d. The Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy prepares an admissions packet for each candidate and forwards it to the appropriate naval attache or designated authority for delivery to the candidate. Each packet contains the forms and instructions necessary to complete the requirements for scholastic qualification for admission to the Naval Academy.

e. In mid-April completed international candidate packets are reviewed by the Naval Academy Board which selects and recommends candidates to SECNAV for admission.

f. Upon SECNAV approval of the Naval Academy Admissions Board action, the Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy will notify the appropriate naval attache or designated authority of the status of each candidate (early May). Candidates accepting appointments will be forwarded invitational travel orders and Student Immigration Form I-20.

28 MAY 1991

7. Nations Not Having a U.S. Naval Attache Accredited or Resident

a. For countries not having U.S. naval attaches accredited, the ambassador will clear and forward nominations directly to the Department of State, Washington, D.C.

b. In those countries where U.S. naval attaches are accredited but not resident, the U.S. ambassador will clear and forward the nominations to the place of residence of the appropriate attache, whereupon the attache will follow paragraph 6c.


J. M. BOURDA

Deputy Chief of Naval Operations
(Manpower, Personnel and Training)

Distribution:

SNDL C7 (U.S. Defense Attache Offices) ((USDAO) Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belize, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, Honduras, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Liberia, Mexico, Morocco, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zaire only)
C25A (OPNAV Support Activity Detachment) (Ft. Ritchie only)
FF38 (U.S. Naval Academy)
50C (Subordinate Unified Commands) (COMICEDEFOR only)
OPs 00, 01, 11(5), 09, 06, 61, 615

USDAO Bahrain, Bolivia, Cameroon, Djibouti, El Salvador, Gambia, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ireland, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Namibia, Nigeria, Paraguay, Poland, Qatar, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Togo, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

SECNAV/OPNAV Directive Control Office
Washington Navy Yard, Building 200
Washington, DC 20374-5074 (15 copies)

Stocked:
Naval Publications and Forms Directorate
5801 Tabor Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19120-5099 (50 copies)